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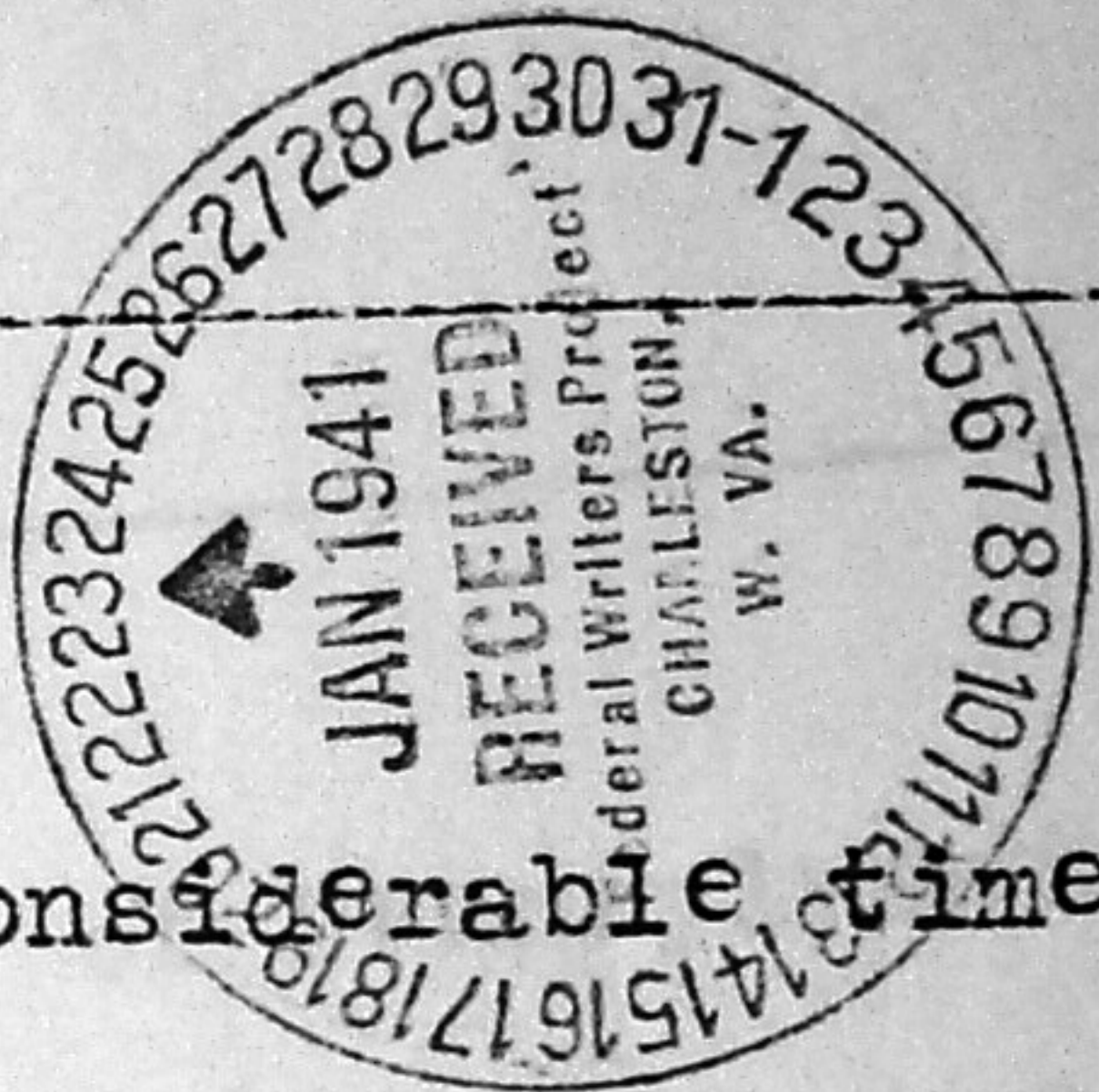
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In 1910 Peter Burns & Sons, namely David, Harry, Edward, Solomon and Cameron owned a circular saw mill and set it near where the Maryland Lumber Co had their mill and cut framing out of Oak, Hemlock and Chestnut for the band mill to be put in by Maryland Lumber Co. After sawing the framing for the band mill they moved out. They did this sawing for the Maryland Lumber Co. Peter Burns sold his farm to the company for a millsite.

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In 1907 & 08 a man by the name of H Strike of Pennsylvania had his Circular saw mill in operation on the Lincoln S Cochran farm on the end of Droop Mountain overlooking Locust Creek and not far from the Old Droop Church, he sawed off and on for near a year and moved out without finishing the job.

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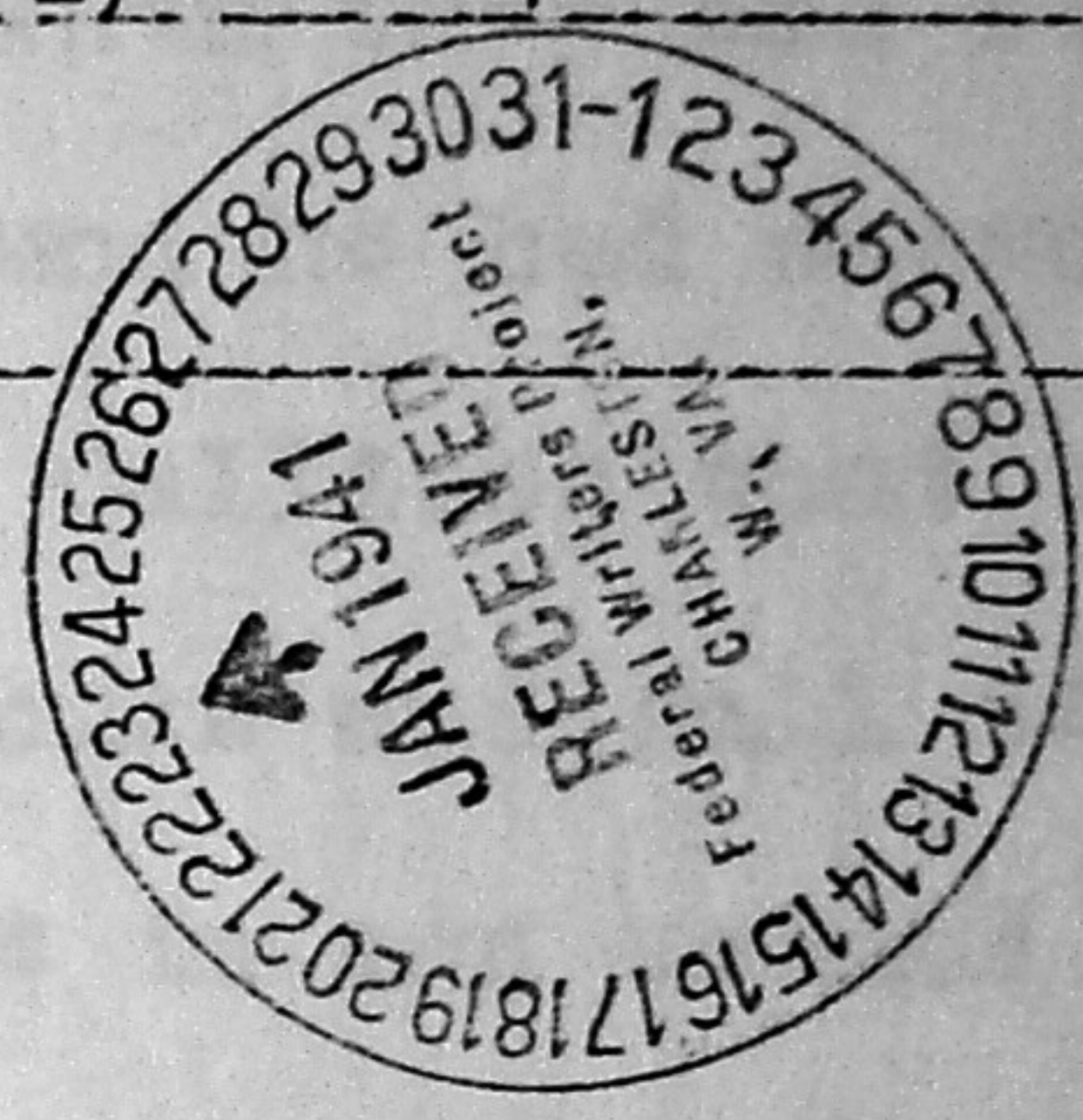
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In 1911 James Gabbert of Locust Creek and at that time owner of the Beard Mill property operated a circular saw mill just below the old grist mill, this is the hollow that Locust Creek winds its way through getting to the Greenbrier River at Locust which is a flag stop on the C & O railroad.

Gabbert did his own skidding and only used a skeleton crew so to speak on the mill as he only worked 4 to 5 men on the mill at a time, this timber was mostly Hemlock, White and Red Oak and when they had finished operating the timber from his own place it was found he had sawed 75,000 besides sawing 10,000 feet for Elisha and Charlie Callison that they had wagoned in from down on the river this being butt cuts and cull telephone poles that were being cut and put out at that time in and around Beard, W. Va.

The high grade Gabbert lumber was sold to lumber buyers and loaded at at Locust a siding on the C & O, the lower grade was sold locally to farmers for barn building purposes, while Callison's used what they had sawed at this set erecting new and remodeling old buildings on the Callison farm.

This operation finished in 1911.

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